

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Francis J. Belanger, dba J&S Machine,

Complainant,

vs.

Southern California Edison Company,

Defendant.

Case 03-11-019
(Filed November 20, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
(1) SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE; (2) DIRECTING
PARTIES TO MEET AND CONFER, AND (3) ADDRESSING THE
ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT**

A. Telephonic Prehearing Conference/Meet and Confer Requirement

A telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) is set for **January 21, 2004, 10:00 a.m.** This PHC shall be reported by the Commission's court reporters. Several minutes prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day of the PHC, the parties should call the toll free number: 877/418-5002. The participant pass code is 487101.

Authorized representatives of Francis J. Belanger, dba J&S Machine, and Southern California Edison Company (Edison) are directed to meet and confer in good faith before the PHC so as to be better prepared to address the following matters:

1. Prospects for settlement of the dispute.
2. Whether facts material to resolution of the complaint are disputed or not.

3. If material facts are not in dispute, the schedule for resolving the complaint via procedures that do not involve a hearing, and the particulars of that process, including:

- Joint statement of stipulated facts;
- Concurrent briefing based on stipulated facts.

B. Contents of the Answer

Edison's answer is currently due no later than January 2, 2004, unless this time is modified pursuant to Rule 13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (Rules) and Procedure. In addition to the information required by Rule 13.1 of the Rules, Edison shall provide the following information in its answer:

- If Edison agrees with the facts as set forth by the complainant in the attachment to her complaint, Edison should so state. Edison shall then set forth the legal authority that permits Edison to bill complainant \$55,519.20.
- If Edison does not agree with the facts as set forth by the complainant in the attachment to her complaint, Edison should so state, and should then clearly set forth what it believes are the appropriate facts. Edison shall then set forth the legal authority that permits Edison to bill complainant \$55,519.20 under Edison's fact pattern.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) is set at the time and place indicated herein. This PHC shall be reported by the Commission's court reporters.
2. Authorized representatives of each party shall meet and confer in good faith prior to the PHC, as directed herein.

3. Southern California Edison Company's answer to the complaint shall contain the information required by this ruling, as directed herein.

Dated December 15, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET A. ECONOME

Janet A. Econome
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling (1) Setting Prehearing Conference; (2) Directing Parties to Meet and Confer, and (3) Addressing the Answer to the Complaint on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated December 15, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JANET V. ALVIAR

Janet V. Alviar

N O T I C E

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